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TWO MORE CONNECTICUT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD UNIT'S MOBILIZED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

HARTFORD, Conn., - Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard announces that approximately 170 soldiers from the 1048th Transportation Company of Stratford and approximately 150 soldiers from the 134th Military Police (MP) Company of Norwich, have been ordered to mobilize in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Both units are scheduled to be mobilized and deployed for up to 18 months.

The 1048th Transportation Company provides transportation assets for the movement of both dry and refrigerated containerized cargo, general non-containerized cargo and bulk water and bulk petroleum products by motor transport. The unit's equipment consists of 61 tractor trailer trucks and 120 trailers.

The 1048th is commanded by 1st Lt. David Tripp of Broad Brook, Conn.

The 134th MP Company provides convoy security, law and order support and force protection.

The 134th recently deployed to Louisiana in support of Hurricane Katrina. In 2003 the unit deployed to West Point, NY to provide force protection missions in support of Operation Noble Eagle. The soldiers were part of more than 400 Connecticut soldiers who were called to active duty to provide homeland security in the Northeast region.

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The 134th MP Company was recognized for the successful discovery and confiscation of illegal drugs, unregistered weapons and detainment of wanted individuals.

The 134th MP Company is commanded by 1st Lt. Corey Holmes of Stratford, Conn.

Currently, 40 soldiers from G Company, 126th Aviation of Windsor Locks and six soldiers from Detachment 6, U.S. Army Operational Support Airlift Command (OSACOM) of Windsor Locks are stationed in Iraq. Five hundred soldiers from the 102nd Infantry Battalion of New Haven are at Ft. Bragg, N.C. for training and validation before deploying to Afghanistan.

One-hundred twenty soldiers from the 643rd Military Police Company of Westbrook are currently mobilized in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

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